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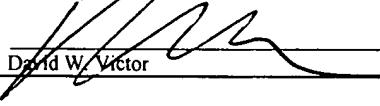
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 1, 2002, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-27 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §) in view of cited prior art. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections for the reasons discussed herein. Applicants have amended the drawings to correct a spelling mistake and submit formal drawings herewith including the amendment and to overcome objections raised by the draftsperson.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is an amended FIG. 3 to correct a spelling mistake in block 110 as shown in blue ink.